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SUBJECT: AVIAN INFLUENZA IN GREECE: AMB HOLDS TOWN HALL
MEETING

REF: ATHENS 00456

[¶1.](#) (U) On Tuesday, February 28th, AMB conducted a town hall meeting with embassy personnel to address the mission's heightened sense of awareness regarding Avian Influenza after 20 confirmed cases in migratory birds in Greece since February 11th. AMB briefed mission members on the current state of Avian Influenza in Greece, mission preparedness efforts, and GoG preparedness efforts.

[¶2.](#) (U) AMB and A/RMO answered mission questions regarding specific issues surrounding transmission and personal protection measures prior to bringing the meeting to a close.

Mission members are well informed regarding Avian Influenza and displayed limited concern over the current situation in Greece.

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